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SUBJ: CHINA-JAPAN RELATIONS (U)

(U) ~~KEY POINTS~~

(U) ~~Beijing wary of US-Japan security alliance~~

(U) ~~Both seek to maintain good relations for economic advantages~~

(U) ~~DISCUSSION~~

- ~~Sino-Japanese relations are always tenuous, reflecting historical animosity~~
- ~~Japan halted grant aid to China in Aug 95 to protest its ongoing nuclear tests~~

- ~~Beijing condemns alleged strengthening of the US-Japan security alliance~~  
• ~~Beijing perceives Japan as northern anchor of US-sponsored containment alliance against China~~

- ~~The dispute over the Senkaku Islands has revived a diplomatic quagmire among China, Taiwan, and Japan~~

(U) ~~Both Beijing and Tokyo are seeking to manage tensions~~

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